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France has proposed a multinational, 2000-man French-led force to intervene in Rwanda as soon as possible to protect threatened civilians until the regular UNAMIR contingents can arrive. Deputy Secretary Talbott discussed the proposal by telephone with French Foreign Minister Juppe's Chief of Staff on June 16. In a Perm-5 meeting that same day, the French PermRep outline four conditions for French deployment: 1) the Tunis cease-fire agreement does not hold; 2) civilian killings continue; 3) other troops do not arrive in the meantime; and 4) it finds a European partner. So far, the Senegalese have agreed to join the operation, but there are no firm offers yet from European countries. Paris may seek a Security Council resolution authorizing the deployment. We plan to inform the French that we support the proposal but believe the mission should have the sanction of the UN and that France must make every effort to satisfy the RPF rebels and others that the action is not intended in any way to support the interim government.